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Amendments to Specification

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Suitable thermoplastic polymers useful as an outermost layer in the practice of the present invention are selected from thermoplastic polymers that are transparent in the solid state. Such polymers can be selected from polymers in the group consisting of: polyesters; polycarbonates; polyurethanes; polyacetals; acrylic polymers; SAN; copolymers, which can include terpolymers, of ethylene and alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acids, and/or acid derivatives of copolymers of ethylene and alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acids (such as unsaturated carboxylic acid salts, copolymers of ethylene and unsaturated carboxylic acid esters, and/or copolymers of ethylene and unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydrides); for example polyamides; and polyvinyl chlorides. As used herein, the phrase "copolymers of" shall be taken to mean "copolymers obtained by copolymerization of". For example, the phrase "copolymers of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid" shall mean "copolymers obtained by copolymerization of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid." Blends or combinations of any of the thermoplastic polymers described herein can also be suitable for use in the practice of the present invention. As used herein, the term "outer layer" does not preclude the use of a thin coating of another material over the outer layer, perhaps to enhance surface gloss or mar resistance, for example. Such a coating, if used, should be present only as a very thin coating layer, and should not be readily perceptible to the unaided eye as a layer which is distinct from the outer transparent polymer layer.